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At a few examples on appeal to thanks for the success because of supposed sympathy in religious or ethical belief, may be very mischievous in their effects, especially when coming from conspicuous parties. We are daily experiencing this. Certain persons seem to think that they are entitled to a reward for having become convinced of Spiritualism. If there are obligations in the case, surely they are due to the truth itself, and not to the truth-seekers. Spiritualism, and not Spiritualists, is entitled to the subsidy. We shall always be ready to help to honor and reward high and distinguished service, but, like fame, the honor and reward.



Woman and the Household.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF MRS. CAROLINE A. SOULE.

Noted for her piety.

Her daily life is precious;

The religious life is precious;

In her unassuming teaching,

And never tender hand than hers,

In the hour of her own life,

Her gentle to the sick man's ear.

Have made her life's trail.

Many years ago, a Universalist clergyman,

who had been for some time in the

Western States, fell ill, and was suddenly

called to the higher life, leaving a young

wife and five little children, penniless. At

first the widow wept much by the dis-

turbance, but, roused by necessity, she

set about to see what could be done. In

those days but few women had entered the

journalistic field, but Mrs. Soule was a

man of culture, and a ready writer. She

soon got and obtained a position as as-

stant editor of a weekly paper in this city,

and soon after assumed the entire man-

agement of a similar paper in another

city. Here she did excellent literary

work, and numerous beautiful poems, of a

devotional and religious character, were

drawn from her pen, anonymously into print,

and were widely read and admired. Years

passed away, she struggled on, rearing her

family by hard work, and as her three sons

grew up, she was enabled to send them to

college. Her health, however, was failing,

and she was obliged to leave her work.

The health of her heart, however, was

not impaired, and she continued to

write, and to do so with great vigor.

In connection with the women of

the Universalist church, who have been

the mainstay of the cause, she has been

a most efficient worker. Her labors in

this cause have been many and varied.

In the year 1860, she was elected

President of the Universalist Association,

and she is now President.

Last spring, Mrs. Soule went to Scotland

to attend to the cause of the Irish

Irish. During a brief visit there a few years since,

she made a profound impression by her

eloquence and piety. Her visit was

an earnest call for more speedy reform, followed

by a visit to the United States, where she

was warmly received. Her visit to the

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Patient's Presentation said by Dr. [redacted]
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and Extracts.

Ideas are the souls of which human institutions are the organic forms.
Spiritualistic tramps are merely the weeds of the Harmonical Philosophy.
Matter can be rendered as invisible as the soul and spirit of man now are.

Jesus taught the law of love, which, if followed, leads to the kingdom of heaven.

As **side** this life, we must live simply, purely, lovingly and gratefully.

But if the sins of the parents are visited to the third generation, so also are the virtues.

The fire of inspiration has not been quenched during the last eighteen hundred years.

The visible earthly body is not the man, but only the mechanism used by the soul, which is the man.

Spiritualism is the very essence of science, because it teaches a man to know what his own nature consists.

Mrs. Hurdwode-Driften announces her determination to return to England, and end her days in her native land.

When men learn to do right, without getting or expecting a reward, they have a better state of society than we have now.

Spirits freed from the grosser elements must advance, and be more intelligent than ourselves, and more susceptible of improvement.

The Mahometan writings are full of stories, which show that the doctrine of spirits has, from the earliest times, prevailed amongst them.

"Spirits the immortal from the mortal! If ever he twain with each other part,
Man is made the spirit's portal,
And th' invisible hath birth."

We must act upon the ancient and wise advice to try the spirit; to prove all things, and hold fast that which appears to us the true and the good.

The Protestant position, that the Scriptures themselves are infallibly inspired, but that they are in the hands of fallible men to interpret, is untenable.

REV. ALBERT

Spiritualism may be said to be a recognition of the spiritual, and a demonstration of apiritual existence. In this respect it is the very opposite of Materialism.

It is true that the progress of Spiritualism has been rapid beyond comparison with anything to be found in the history of civilisation and the progress of ideas.

In the history of the world there is found evidence of the universal belief in the spirits of the dead, and the phenomena bear a remarkable resemblance therewith.

Jesus took Peter, and James, and John up into a high mountain, and was transfigured before them so that his face shone as the sun, and his

Lucan. In the sixth book of his Pharsalia, introduces Pompey consulting a sorcerer, and requiring her to call up a departed soul that he might learn his future fortune.

Poets, orators, artists, musicians, statesmen, divines and others, in different ages, have caught the hallowed flame of inspiration, and left the fruit of it spiritual illumination behind them.

Pope says:

"Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the faults I see;
The mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me."

The prophets and apostles were mediums, and

their communications are to be judged on the same principles as all other manifestations, by their accordance with our best reason and conscience.

More and more, as we study the actual manifestations of the spirit in all ages, at the gates of Jerusalem, on Mount Sinai, in the Psalms of David, we shall perceive the great truth boding itself forth in various forms.

It is the common opinion of the Turks and Russians that, near the close of life, many persons have some sort of extraordinary revelation of the event. Even the most ancient of their writings prove this.

The term *occultism* means the practice of that

which is secret or hidden, and has been generally applied to the practice of the secret arts of magic; and by Christian occultism is meant the esoteric sacrifices of the mystics.

Jesus exclaimed, "Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in Heaven." He charged his disciples that they should reveal unto no man that he was the Christ.

Everywhere, under the appearance of concen- tration and hardness, living elemental forces are lat- ent, and the slightest variation in the equilibrium and correlation of these might alter the face of the universe, and the most solid substances might vanish like a dream. — *John Sargent.*

His thought inspiration has been more or less rejoyed in every age subsequent to the completion of the book. The modern age, yet to be dated, has been more spiritual than it has been more material and marked than at any previous period.

The Catholic priest has always had the advantage over the Protestant clergyman in dealing with the Indian. The one can give his converts some visible and tangible voucher of his religion, but the other must tell his flock to find their religion in their hearts.

Moses, when descending from Mount Sinai, sent his servants to the people and commanded with God his face, those who had the people, dare not approach him; and thus also Stephen, the first Christian martyr, whose face the people saw as it had been

The poet, Wordsworth, writes:

“Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting;
The soul that rises with us, our life's star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar:
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter sleep,
But trailing clouds of glory, do we come
From God, who is our home.”

As the humble chrysalis is by the transforming power of the sun's heat converted into the glorious butterfly, so the careworn and travel-tossed Jesus by the force of his spiritual prayer was

During the revolutionary period, this country had produced a remarkable seer in the person of Dr. George de Benneville, who lived at Reading, Pa. This gentleman's spiritual development enabled him to accurately describe events of great importance from the second of their actual occurrence. It was announced the precise hour that the British evacuated Philadelphia.

A gentle word is never lost,
Oh, never, then, refuse one;
It cheers the heart when tempest-tossed
And lulls the cares that bruise one;

The times which loomed up before the vision of ancient seers, when a glorious influx of light and power from the spiritual realms would be experienced, have come to pass; and by the facts which are now being evolved in so many parts of the world, the threshold of a new age is being opened up the fountain of inspiration, after the last writer of the Bible drank it, it is completely and forever swept away.

The following is from Blair's poems of "The Grave":

"Tell us, ye dead, if ye in pity can,

Beyond this sphere what is the future plan? Some courageous ghost. If any such there be, Tell us, in after life, what things ye see; For some of us, we know in years of old, The fable story to mankind have told; Forwarning them of death—oh, these complaints, And tell, in charity, what 'tis to die; But you're withheld, no matter, death must call. The curtains drop, and time will clear up all."

and also a powerful help in a service system.
Independently yours, Wm. H. Grant.

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the parting in the cloak on a dark night. Star after star begins to appear in the space beyond and the stars I see are but the sentinels of the distant myriads yet to be revealed."

